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**LETTER DATED 13 JULY 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that, on Friday, 11 June 1999, at 0630 hours precisely, the Kuwaiti Coast Guard, while patrolling in the course of its regular duties in Kuwaiti territorial waters, observed two Iraqi naval units in Kuwaiti territorial waters in the area of Bubiyan Island (Khawr al-Tayyarah). It was therefore necessary to arrest the following six Iraqi seamen who were on board the two vessels:

1. Ghazi Faysal Khalifah - who had identification
2. Walid Muhammad Ali - no identification
3. Qasy Husein Ahmad - no identification
4. Jawdah Nury Zahin - who had identification
5. Majbal Nury Zahir - who had identification
6. Mahmoud Adnan Najm - who had identification

After completion of the inspection procedure, the identity documents were withdrawn and the men were taken back to the vessels which were escorted out of Kuwaiti territorial waters.

This incident is without any doubt a violation of Kuwait's borders and territorial waters. Iraq must refrain from any further act of this kind and must respect the inviolability of Kuwait's borders in both word and deed.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

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